

# the Sheriff's Star

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## Secure for Sure

FORT LAUDERDALE — Life can be frightening when you're only two going on three, but Marilyn Doester has every reason to feel safe and secure. Her Daddy, Ed Doester, is a Broward County Deputy Sheriff — and so is her best friend, "Major," a Doberman pinscher who lives with the Doesters when he is not on duty as a crime fighter at the Broward County Sheriff's Department. "Major" is one of 11 dogs "sworn-in" as members of Sheriff Bob Butterworth's new K-9 Corps. (Hollywood Sun-Tattler photo by Robert Mayer.)



Sheriff's medical evacuation helicopter lands at Halifax Hospital helipad. (Daytona Beach News-Journal photos by Bob Ford.)



# Sheriff's Choppers Save Lives

DAYTONA BEACH — Saving lives has always been part of Sheriff Ed Duff's job, and he's doing it better than ever now that he has begun using two of his helicopters to airlift critically ill or injured patients.

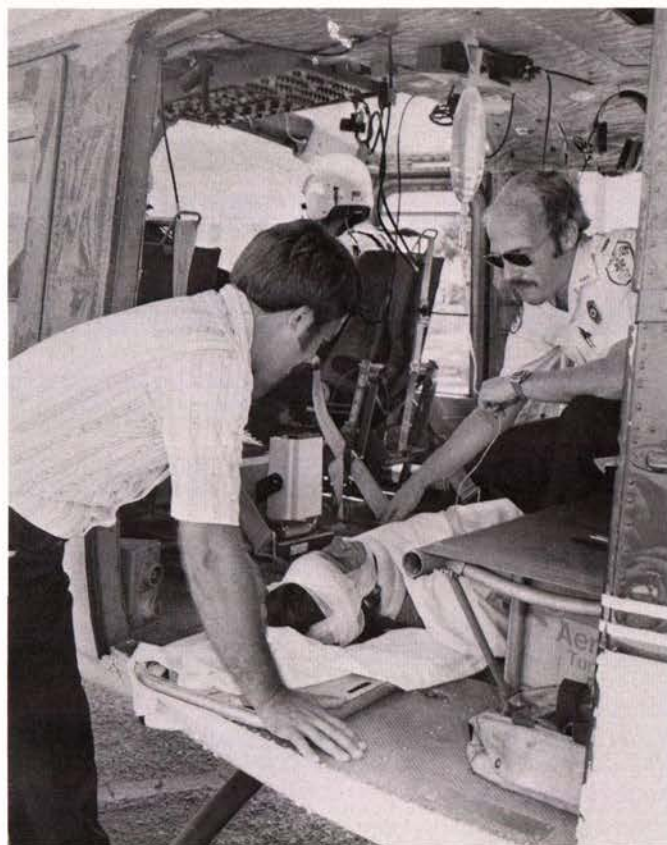
Started during the past summer, the medical evacuation (Med-Evac) service was credited with saving the lives of six critical patients during the first 75 days it was in operation. Lt. Don Maxwell, who is in charge of the Sheriff's aviation unit, said the patients are alive today "largely because they got the proper treatment in time."

Transporting accident victims and other patients by air is expensive, and it will be done only in extreme emergencies when a doctor or Beacon Ambulance Service calls on the Sheriff for help. Beacon is Volusia County's primary provider of ambulance service and is responsible for staffing the helicopters with trained paramedics.

Med-Evac flights involve three major type cases: high-risk premature infants, severe burn patients and critically injured accident victims. A typical flight would involve transporting a "preemie" infant from Halifax Hospital's maternity section to the University hospital in Jacksonville. Other examples would be taking severely burned patients to Shands Teaching Hospital, in Gainesville; or severely injured patients to hospitals in Tampa and Orlando for special care not available here.

"There's no price tag on the service. It's provided without charge," Sheriff Duff explained. "However, the cost of operating the helicopter is about \$400 for a round trip between Daytona Beach and Jacksonville. It's not cheap, but, then, how much is a human life worth?"

Keeping the Med-Evac service airborne is primarily the job of Chief Pilot Zeke Walker and Chief Mechanic Art LaBel. Walker, 33, is a 7-year veteran with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office and learned to fly while he was a



Emergency Room Director Bob Carleton helps Beacon Ambulance Service paramedic Mark Van Arnem load critically injured patient.

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### *Sheriff's choppers save lives (continued)*

student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach. LaBel, a veteran of three wars, retired from the Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant after 27 years in uniform. It has been said the two men can operate just about anything that will fly. LaBel is a licensed aviation mechanic and an aircraft inspector. Lt. Mac Grier, a licensed aviation mechanic, was transferred to the Sheriff's aviation unit last summer to increase the unit's capabilities.

The two Med-Evac helicopters are former Air Force Huey UH-1b models that were purchased at a bargain price. "We paid a \$750 transfer fee for each of them in Arizona a couple of years ago," Maxwell said.

The Sheriff's Department spent about \$7,500 to make each helicopter airworthy, according to LaBel. "That's about the cost of putting a deputy's patrol car on the road," he added.

## ... and That's All for 1980

**BARTOW** — Here's a year's end wrap up of 1980 news items from the Polk County Sheriff's Department:

When 27 head of cattle, valued at \$8,000 were stolen from a Hillsborough County pasture, a joint investigation by the Polk County and Hillsborough County Sheriffs' Departments led to the recovery of 19 of them and the issuing of several arrest warrants.

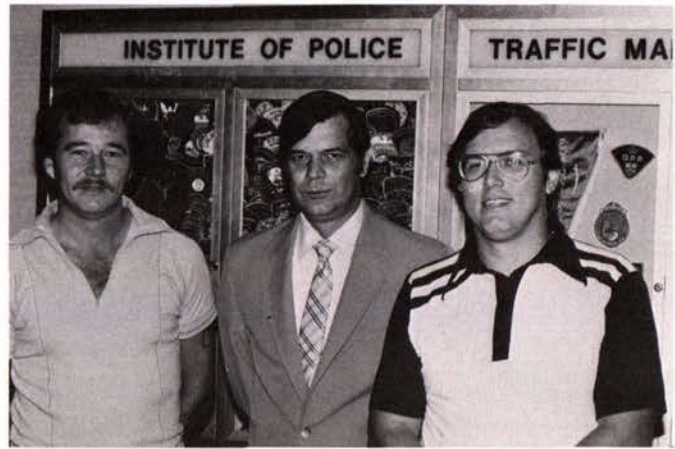
Capt. Donald C. Dempsey, commander of the Sheriff's Department's Special Investigations Division, has been selected to attend the 124th session of the FBI National Academy which begins in January. He will be the third member of Sheriff Mims' staff to attend.

Capt. Jack Waldron, Supervisor of the Polk County Jail, has been named to serve on the Corrections Program Advisory Committee for Polk Community College's Criminal Justice Program. The committee will advise PCC officials on training programs for new corrections officers. Waldron also teaches classes at PCC for corrections officers working in Polk County.

Sgt. Neil Merrill, Crime Prevention Officer of the Polk County Sheriff's Department, received a Certificate of Appreciation from Florida's Attorney General Jim Smith on behalf of the Governor's Help Stop Crime program. This was in recognition "of the valuable service devoted to the citizens of Florida in an effort to reduce crime through public education and awareness." Merrill has also been appointed Region 10 Representative on the Help Stop Crime Council.

Sheriff Louie Mims recently returned to the Polk County Board of County Commissioners \$50,407 in unspent funds from his 1979-80 budget and interest earned on deposited funds.

A contest conducted among elementary school students by Sheriff Louie Mims to name his Department's crime prevention clown resulted in three winners. Two children, Sarah Ivy and Danica Carter, submitted the same name, Deputy Do-Right; Esther Duca submitted the best poster. More than 800 entries were received. Each of the winners received a trophy from Sheriff Mims and rode in the Bartow Halloween Parade. Deputy Do-Right is played by Sgt. Neil Merrill, Mims' Crime Prevention Officer, in presentations to elementary school children.



### **Deputies Complete Training Course**

**JACKSONVILLE** — A supervision course given by the Institute of Police Training Management (IPTM) at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, was completed by Training Officer Roy Hackle, Manatee County Sheriff's Office (left) and Officer Joe Bullard of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (right). Everett James, IPTM Director of Police Programs (center), said the course, "Supervision of the Field Training Officer," would be given again in March, 1981. Information can be obtained by calling (904) 646-2722, or by writing IPTM, University of N. Florida, 4567 St. Johns Bluff Road, South, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216.

## It was a Teen-Age Rampage

**BARTOW** — How's this for a teen-age crime wave? Seven Winter Haven juveniles, ranging in age from 14 to 17, were charged in a series of automobile thefts and related offenses involving thousands of dollars worth of property. A total of 53 charges, including grand theft, possession of stolen property, criminal mischief, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and conspiracy to commit grand theft, were brought against the seven, who were released to the custody of their parents. The Polk County Sheriff's Office also investigated the juveniles in connection with the thefts of motorcycles.

A 1968 Mustang and a 1979 Monte Carlo were recovered at Hancock Mines near Bartow. The Mustang had been stripped and parts were put on three cars operated by the juveniles. The Monte Carlo was totaled when it was run off a cliff and burned. A 1979 Pontiac was recovered the day after it was stolen, but it, too, had been damaged.

The juveniles were charged with the theft and sinking of a \$5,000 boat. Skis, jackets and other property were stolen from the boat before it was sunk. The boat was retrieved and returned to its owner.

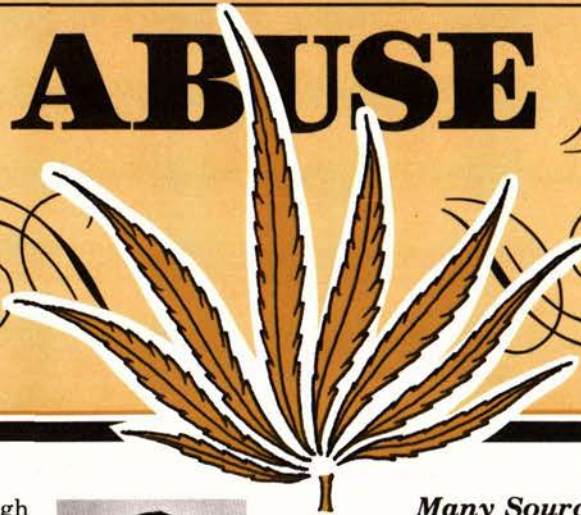
The seven were linked to the theft of a \$250 car hood, \$700 worth of tires and gas cans. They were also charged with throwing a pole through a business sign, causing about \$400 damage.

## Free Locks Installed

**BRADENTON** — With funds provided by a federal grant, the Manatee County Sheriff's Department installed dead-bolt locks, free of charge, in the homes of eligible senior citizens. Residents over age 60 with limited incomes qualified for the service. Free home security surveys were also made by members of the Department's Crime Prevention Bureau.



# POT IS OVERTAKING BOOZE AS DRUG MOST FOLKS ABUSE



WEST PALM BEACH — Although alcohol is still the most used and abused drug in the United States, marijuana and cocaine are quickly catching up, according to an article written for *The National Sheriff* magazine by Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille.

Sheriff Wille, who is Chairman of the National Sheriffs' Association's Drug Enforcement Committee, said abuse of heroin is also increasing, and its street-level purity has attained higher levels for the first time in 3-1/2 years.

Here are some additional excerpts from Wille's article:

A frightening breakdown of teenage marijuana use showed that (1) 59 percent of high school seniors had tried it (one out of nine was a daily user); (2) 8 percent of the 12-13-year olds reported they had tried marijuana at least once (half were still using it); and (3) 29 percent of the 14-15-year olds had tried it, (15 percent were still using it.) This brings us to the question, how do they get it and where is it coming from? Law enforcement officers are working around the clock to find the answer to that question.



Sheriff Wille

## *Many Sources of "the Weed"*

The United States receives the majority of its marijuana from Colombia, Mexico, and Jamaica. These three countries are believed to supply approximately 90 percent of the "weed" consumed by North Americans. Thailand, Africa and Australia also produce marijuana for the world market, although only a small portion finds its way into the United States. Domestically (U. S.) grown marijuana accounts for the other 5-10 percent and is generally grown in Hawaii and the Pacific states.

A more potent and expensive strain of marijuana called sinsemilla (Spanish for "seedless") is being domestically cultivated. The male plant is weeded out before it pollinates the female plant, which produces a female plant with no seeds. The THC content is higher in this particular strain and consequently more expensive. (THC is the principal psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.)

The smugglers' mode of transporting marijuana into the U. S. is largely by sea and air. It is estimated that 60 percent of all marijuana imported to the U. S. comes by sea, 35 percent by air, and 5 percent by land. Colombia utilizes



"motherships" which are capable of carrying multi-tons. It then is either off-loaded to numerous smaller vessels or taken to "stash-sites" in the Bahamas. There, U. S. traffickers can pick it up and transport it to the U. S. Mainland for further distribution. Florida is a major import area with smugglers also utilizing the east coast into Georgia and other points further north.

### ***It Arrives by Air***

Smuggling the "weed" by general aviation is becoming more prevalent as it has distinct advantages. Large quantities can be moved more quickly, deliveries are generally to a single organization, off-load problems between ships are avoided, and the entire load can be delivered directly to a final retail market.

In Palm Beach County, situated on Florida's "Gold Coast," during a 24-hour period, the Sheriff's Office Organized Crime Bureau seized three aircraft suspected of smuggling narcotics. Two of the aircraft had crash landed. One plane was found with marijuana residue and had been abandoned. The other plane that crashed upon landing, killed its two occupants and yielded 1,500 pounds of marijuana. One of the deceased was currently out on bond for two previous smuggling arrests and the other had an extensive drug arrest history. The third aircraft was found abandoned with approximately 700 pounds of "pot." Further investigation led to the arrest of the pilot and seizure of an additional 300 pounds. Within the next two weeks a 31-foot Wellcraft was seized as it was entering the Palm Beach Inlet. Agents confiscated 3,800 pounds of marijuana and arrested three persons.

### ***Florida Attracts Smugglers***

Several days later, a twin engine aircraft was spotted on a sod field with approximately 1,200 pounds of "pot" being off-loaded into two trucks. Five people were arrested. Over the next few days, agents from the Organized Crime Bureau, along with Ohio authorities raided a "stash-house" in rural Palm Beach County. This raid resulted in the arrest of 11 persons. Eight vehicles were seized, including pick-up trucks, vans, Cadillacs, and a Winnebago. As evidenced by this two-week period, Palm Beach County is a popular point of entry. The State of Florida is desirable to the smuggler as it has numerous inlets and clandestine air strips.

Cocaine, or "coke" as it is referred to by most, is touted as another "recreational drug." The demand for this "fun-time" drug has grown considerably. No longer is it used by just the upperclass or Hollywood stars, but has run the ranks of the middle class, blue collar worker and the student. The demand for this "white powdery substance" has created a cocaine trade that is estimated to be worth between \$12-15 million a year. According to federal sources, not only has there been an increase in the amount being seized and arrests made, but also in emergency room treatment, drug treatment reports and in "coke"-related deaths.

### ***Heroin Still the Worst Drug***

Although heroin is not considered as financially profitable as cocaine or marijuana, it is still the most socially disruptive and addictive drug on the market today. Heroin comes from the opium poppy plant and is produced in clandestine laboratories in Mexico, Southeast Asia (Golden Triangle) and the Middle East.

The trafficking of Mid-East heroin, also called Southwest Heroin, made from the poppy in Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan has increased in the past two years.

Recently, in Florida, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab has been inundated with the "look alike" or "counterfeit" pills. The capsules and tablets are being sold on the street as "speed" or "amphetamines." They have accounted for about 40 percent of the pills sent to the laboratory for chemical analysis. These "look alikes" are being manufactured and distributed by companies legally because they contain non-controlled drugs such as caffeine, ephedrine, phenyl pronalamin, theophylline or even aspirin. These active ingredients are stimulants, antihistamines, antipyretics and antinauseants which produce physiological and psychological effects upon the user. For the unknowledgeable they are in great demand and not considered to be "rip-off" drugs. The profit margin in the sale and distribution of these drugs is tremendous.

### ***Invest \$130 — Collect \$2,500***

A dealer could purchase a bulk quantity of 1,000 pills for approximately \$130 or about 13 cents apiece, then sell them on the street for up to \$2.50 each. He would realize a profit of \$2,500 on a \$130 investment. In 1980, Palm Beach County has seen the seizure of clandestine Quaaludes (RORER 714 and more recently LEMON 714) increase dramatically. Recent plane seizures have accounted for more than 2,000,000 tablets which have a street value of \$10 million.

Quaaludes or Methaqualone has become the most popular sedative hypnotic drug being abused in South Florida by young people. It is often combined with alcohol to produce its potent "depressant" effect upon the user. Lately it has been glamorized as being the "love pill."

In South Florida, law enforcement officials have become aware of a recent phenomenon which they feel is reaching epidemic proportions — the combination of drugs and driving. In late 1979 and 1980 Quaaludes and other drugs now rival alcohol as a cause of traffic accidents among the young drivers. Toxicologists have stated that low blood alcohol level mixed with other drugs is being seen more and more. Often on DWI cases, no alcohol is found at all, only the presence of drugs.

### ***Smugglers Well Organized***

Another stumbling block for law enforcement officers in the drug trafficking trade is the sophistication of the smugglers' organizations. They have begun to use corporate structures to conceal their illicit activities. Each "employee" in the organization has a specific job title and duty. Salaries are extremely high and, further, corporations are established as fronts to cover the illicit activities and are responsible for the purchase, sale and registration of vehicles and aircraft. When members are arrested, a staff of attorneys is sent to assist in obtaining their release on bond. In some organizations, the defendants are subjected to polygraph examination to ascertain if they are cooperating with any law enforcement agency.

Since these organizations have become more sophisticated in their dealings, and Florida is a major point of entry for drug trafficking, it has been said that smuggling is Florida's number one industry, out-grossing tourism and agriculture.



Manatee County deputies buckle up for motorcycle patrols financed by a \$79,000 federal grant.



# Saving Energy Bucks with Bikes

*By Robert J. Hensler*

With an eye to saving energy, 19 of Florida's 67 Sheriffs are using motorcycles in addition to patrol cars, according to a recently conducted independent survey.

With 51 Kawasaki Police 1,000's, 47 Harley-Davidsons and four Honda machines now in use, the average mileage is something like 34-44 m.p.g. This can represent a real saving in a year's time, considering the average patrol car's 14-20 m.p.g.

Orange County Sheriff Mel Colman has the largest motorcycle department, with 15 bikes. Citrus and Sumter Counties have the smallest cycle departments with one each; the average department has five or six.

About half of the departments using cycles are receiving funds from the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). STEP provides federal funds on a state level for departments to implement, or to beef up, existing traffic programs. Manatee County is one of the departments recently taking advantage of the STEP monies. A grant of \$79,000 is being spent to run six bikes, according to Captain Dave O'Brien, Director of Special Services.

While several of the departments surveyed indicate two or more officers share the use of a patrol car in shifts, all of the departments using motorcycles allow the cycle-riding deputies to keep the machines overnight. In at least three departments, the deputies are also totally responsible for the maintenance of the bikes.

Saving energy is not the only reason for using motorcycles. Lt. John Kersey, from Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille's department, says they have a special seasonal tourist problem, complicated by narrow roads and much traffic congestion. Cycles, with their easy maneuverability, have a much faster response time than patrol cars. Sheriff John M. Short, of Pasco County, agrees. "Because of the high degree of congestion, motorcycles can work traffic and numerous speeding problems more efficiently," says Short.

Seventeen of the nineteen departments using cycles say they'd like to boost the number of machines they have, and also say they'd probably stay with the brand they are now using.

The average cost of each equipped machine runs about \$6,000, with about \$1,000 to \$1,500 representing the cost of extra equipment — and some of the extra equipment is pretty sophisticated, too. Four departments are using General Electric Porta-Mobile II two-way radios. These radios mount entirely on the front handlebars, freeing the back of the bike for storage of additional safety equipment.

Fourteen of the surveyed counties use local dealers for servicing their machines, while five of the larger departments — with 6 or more bikes — depend on the skills of on-staff mechanics.

While ten of the departments "gas up" at county-owned facilities, nine departments arm their troops with gasoline credit cards for use at local service stations.

Only two departments reported accidents of a serious nature, with six departments reporting 12 minor ones. Twelve departments boast no accidents at all for the period covering 1979 to the present.

TV's picture of the wisecracking, good-natured riders of the CHIPS series, says Sgt. Len McQueen of Lee County, presents a "...good image. And we get the public relations benefit. If you ride through a neighborhood in a patrol car, all you get are stares. Ride through on a bike, and you get lots of smiles, hellos and folks'll stop and talk with you if you're parked. Bikes are great to build people-to-people contact, especially with the younger kids and teenagers."

"Copcycles," as the kids call 'em, are getting to be big business. Just how carefully the manufacturers protect their customers' interests is shown by what happened with Sheriff Ken Katsaris' Leon County Department. Sgt. Larry Newcomb, who heads up the department's motorcycle team says that the Kawasaki Company, when informed of the department's less than affectionate regard for the Kawasaki 900's they had bought, took them back. They also allowed sizeable trade-ins and discounts on brand new KZ 1000 Police bikes.

The rapid growth of Florida's population and its attendant traffic problems, coupled with the high cost of gaso-

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line, seem to insure the use of more and more cycles. And how do the officers feel about motorcycles?

Remember that old TV commercial that said, "Ask the man who owns one"? Sgt. Larry Newcomb, of Leon County, perhaps sums it up best when he says, "I love 'em!"

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## Pilots Spot a Lot of Pot

BARTOW — This month's awareness award goes to Polk County Sheriff's Department's helicopter pilot Ellis Hornsby. While on a routine flight looking for something else, Hornsby spotted 7-ft. tall marijuana plants growing on an island in the Kissimmee River. He landed, then went back to the island by boat to retrieve them. More than 1,000 plants have been confiscated this year after being spotted by Polk County helicopter or airplane pilots.

## Beware of Plant Snatchers

BRADENTON — There is a new addition to the growing gallery of crime celebrities. He's the plant snatcher — the furtive flower thief who steals expensive plants in hanging baskets and other containers, inside and out. Some believe the thefts are the work of professionals.

Some suggestions offered by Sgt. Albert Turi, of the Manatee County Sheriff's Department, to discourage thieves include: use of outdoor lighting near plants; pruning dense shrubbery so the house is more visible; posting "Beware of Dog" signs to scare off those wary of dogs; using a commercial sonic alarm or a home-made contraption of tin cans tied together and attached to the plants so that any movement would set off a clatter. A Neighborhood Watch Program is good, not only for keeping an eye on plants, but for protection against any theft or break-in.

## Pair Honored for Saving Lives

TAMPA — Two employees of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, Corrections Officer Robert K. Mobley and Deputy Robert E. Spooner, received Certificates of Merit from the American Red Cross for saving lives.

Mobley administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a man who had collapsed and stopped breathing. After repeated efforts, the victim began breathing and was taken to a hospital for further treatment.

When Spooner was approached by a man carrying a 14-month-old boy who had stopped breathing, Spooner determined that the child's airway was obstructed and began first aid to remove the obstruction. When this was done, he administered CPR until the child began to breathe on his own.

The Red Cross citations state, that without doubt, the officers' quick actions saved the lives of these people. Sheriff Walter Heinrich said he is very proud of these men whose quick and unselfish actions were in keeping with the high standards of the Sheriff's Office.

If pots or other containers are marked inside there is some hope of recovering them. A visible outside number is no good. It could cause the thief to report the plant and then identification would be almost impossible.

Sgt. Turi says the Sheriff's Department will provide a number — which is registered in a computer to the individual — and lend engraving equipment so the number can be put on metal or plastic.

## Cabbies are Crime Spotters

KEY WEST — Drunken drivers, street brawlers and people who steal television sets at 4 a.m. have got more than cops to worry about in Key West. They'll have to watch for cabbies, too.

Drivers for Five-Sixes Cab Company have joined with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and the Key West Police Department to set up a system using cabbies to watch for and report crimes. The cabbies will radio information about suspicious activities to their dispatcher who will call police and relay the pertinent details they have been instructed to watch for.

"You can see a lot," Sheriff William Freeman told the drivers. "You can see a television set going out of a home at 4 o'clock in the morning." Police Capt. Nilo Asbury added, "at 4 o'clock in the morning you know something's got to be wrong. There's no TV salesman working at 4 o'clock in the morning."

In pre-dawn hours, Key West streets are patrolled by as few as seven units. During those same hours the taxi company has at least a dozen drivers on duty using their eyes and ears to help keep Key West safe.

## Shut-ins Salute Short

NEW PORT RICHEY — Pasco County Sheriff John Short was recently awarded a plaque by the Tender Loving Care and Shut-In ministries for his work "beyond the call of duty with young people."



TAMPA — Pictured here are (left to right) Lon Hatton, President of the Board of the Greater Tampa Chapter of the American Red Cross; Corrections Officer Robert K. Mobley; Deputy Robert E. Spooner; and Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich.





New Sheriffs and staffers at the Florida Sheriffs Association Seminar in Tallahassee.

## *Election Aftermath*

# Seminar Gave New Sheriffs Thorough Pre-Game Warm-up



Experience counts for a lot in the office of Sheriff, and four incumbents were on hand to give their new colleagues a few pointers. Left to right were Sheriffs John Polk, Seminole County; Fred Peel, Washington County; Walter C. Heinrich, Hillsborough County; and Don Moreland, Marion County.

After the final ballot count became official and the dust of the 1980 elections had settled, the Florida Sheriffs Association held a pre-game warm-up seminar in Tallahassee for 28 newly-elected Sheriffs who were scheduled to be sworn in at the beginning of 1981.

During the three-day session, November 13-15, Sheriffs Association Executive Director Berwin Williams and other Association officials briefed the neophytes on the mechanics of taking over a Sheriff's Department, and also gave them valuable tips on how to keep the machinery running smoothly.

For a few of the newcomers who were former Sheriffs, the seminar sessions provided an update; for others with varying amounts of experience as deputies, it was a trip through somewhat familiar territory; and for some it was an entirely new ball game. All indicated the three-day warm-up in the "bullpen" was beneficial.

There were many lessons to be learned and they all added up to a sobering reminder that there is more to becoming a Sheriff than simply taking an oath and pinning on a badge. Seminar lecturers pointed out that the new job gets more complex with each passing hour as the new Sheriff commissions his deputies; takes an inventory of thousands of pieces of equipment, ranging from patrol cars to riot guns; assumes custody of the county jail prisoners; and sets his operation plan in motion.





Sheriff John Collier,  
Okeechobee County



Sheriff Pat Hartley, Levy  
County



Berwin Williams, Executive  
Director, Florida Sheriffs  
Association



Citrus County Sheriff  
Charles S. Dean



Sheriff R. W. "Ronnie" Dougherty, of Nassau  
County (left) and Sheriff Robert T. Durkis, of  
Hendry County.



Pinellas County Sheriff Gerard "Gerry"  
Coleman (left) with Florida Sheriffs Youth  
Fund President Harry K. Weaver.



Daniel H. Bennett (left),  
the new Sheriff of Flagler  
County, got acquainted  
with veteran Sheriff Walt  
Pellicer of Putnam  
County. They are Sheriffs  
of adjoining counties.

Sheriffs Lawson  
Lamar, of Orange  
County (with glass-  
es), and R. T. "Tim"  
Dobeck, of Indian  
River County.



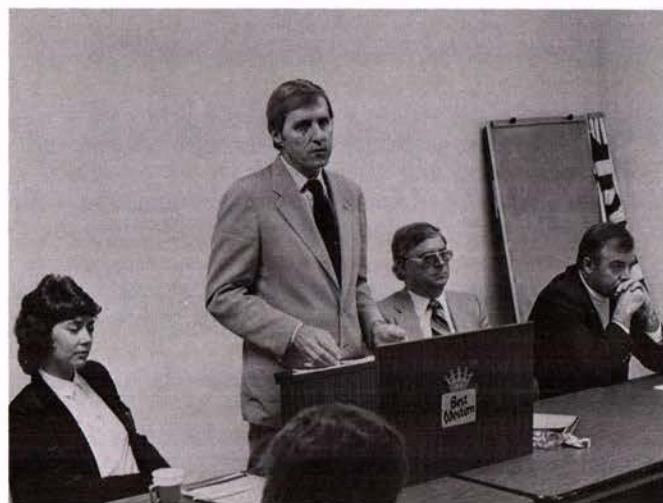
Faced with these complexities, the new Sheriffs were reassured that the Sheriffs Association stands ready to assist them with legal and technical advice every step of the way.

They also received assurances of help and cooperation from numerous state officials such as Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner James York, Department of Corrections Secretary Louie Wainwright, Governor Bob Graham and Attorney General Jim Smith.

Informal get-togethers gave them an opportunity to get acquainted with representatives of many state agencies involved in specialized law enforcement such as the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Marine Patrol and Florida Highway Patrol.

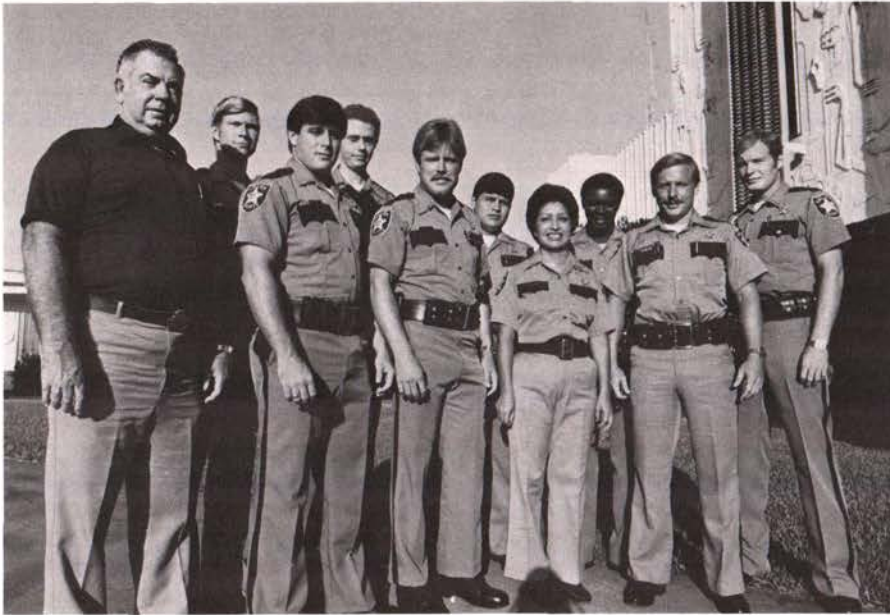
Experienced Sheriffs were on hand to offer their new colleagues advice and to point out important issues facing law enforcement in the Legislature, in the courts and in the changing panorama of public opinion.

"It was," said one of the new guys, "the kind of information you can't get out of a book, and the kind you sure don't want to get by trial and error."

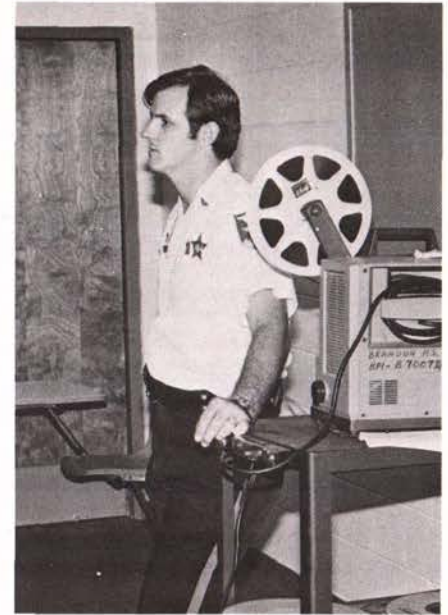


Sheriffs often work with state agencies in solving local problems. At the Seminar the new Sheriffs met four people they may need to call upon later — they were (left to right) Nancy G. Linnan, Assistant Deputy Attorney General; Jim York, Commissioner, Department of Law Enforcement; Louie Wainwright, Secretary, Department of Corrections; and John Burke, Director, Division of Public Safety Planning and Assistance, Department of Community Affairs.





Sheriff Aubrey Rogers (left) with Youth Relations Deputies Jeff Cox, David DePolo, Pat Mullen, Jeffrey Davidson, Paul McGee, Rosa Hernandez, Tom Davis, Jim Hansen and Kurt Gibbs. (Naples News photo by Ivy Castle.)



Tom Allyn, Resource Deputy at Brandon High School, Hillsborough County, is like a member of the faculty. He frequently presents lectures on drug abuse, child abuse and other law enforcement-related subjects. (Brandon News photo by David Smith.)

## *With Deputies in Schools:*

# Old Barriers are Tumbling Down

Unfortunately, youngsters are often conditioned to be hostile, fearful or suspicious around law enforcement officers. This negative reaction sets up barriers which seriously hamper officers' efforts to prevent juvenile delinquency and to develop good community relations.

The barriers have existed for a long time, but in recent years they have shown signs of crumbling. Sheriffs have been tearing them down by sending deputies into public schools to make friends — not arrests. These men in uniform are called resource or youth deputies, and all across the state they are making a hit with youngsters, school officials and parents.

The Youth Relations Program started by Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers in 1977 is typical of the quiet revolution that is steadily improving youthful attitudes toward law enforcement. Nine deputies are assigned to the county's middle schools and high schools under the supervision of Sgt. Jeff Cox. They circulate around the classrooms, hallways and playgrounds during the day, and they frequently attend athletic contests and other extra-curricular activities at night. Most of the time they are in uniform.

"The uniformed deputy's duty is to prevent juvenile delinquency and vandalism, and to create favorable community and student-police relations," Cox said. "We are there to help. We want students to talk to us if they have problems. Although we are law enforcement officers, we are not in the schools as protectors. We are there as resource persons. We are familiar with many community services that may be beneficial to students."

Cox said teachers and students regard the deputies as experts on a variety of matters such as driver education, law, drug abuse, shoplifting and vandalism. Conse-

quently, deputies are frequently asked to make class presentations, show filmstrips and arrange tours of criminal justice facilities.

"Our goal is to make better citizens, and we feel we are reaching it," said Cox.

Students seem to agree. Last year they were asked in a survey how they felt about having deputies in their schools, and 94 percent of them reacted favorably. "We've had absolutely ... positive feedback," said Tom Morris, Director of Pupil Services. "It's a highly successful program and the schools would like to say 'thank you' to Sheriff Rogers."

One reason the program has been so successful is that the deputies do not act as disciplinarians. "Disciplining students is a school responsibility," said Cox, "and deputies do not take action unless a principal believes an incident involves a law violation."

Cox said deputies are prepared to cope with any emergencies that may arise, but the real tools of their trade are their minds, their books, their presentations and their great big smiles.

The same seems to be true in other Sheriff's Departments — for instance, in Hillsborough County where the use of resource deputies is a newer innovation. Sponsored by Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich, the program was started last year and, according to Capt. James Walker, it has had phenomenal success in building good relationships between deputies and young people.

"The teachers work the officers into their lesson plans," Walker said. "The officers are like faculty members. They attend faculty meetings."

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## **With Deputies in Schools:**

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Walker said the program's success has been firmly established much faster than expected. He said one of the major accomplishments has been a sharp reduction in trespassing incidents on school grounds. Before the resource deputies were assigned to all of the junior and senior public high schools in Hillsborough County, school officials were constantly plagued with the problem of outsiders selling drugs on school property, or luring students away from school to involve them in various types of illicit activities.

Now the resource officer program has "cut trespassing down to next to nothing," Walker said.

According to news reports, vandalism and drug and alcohol abuse have also been reduced. "We haven't had a bad comment about the program yet," said Resource Deputy Tom Allyn, who is assigned to Brandon High School.

## **Sheriff was just Fueling Around**

STUART — When drug smugglers told an attendant to gas up their marijuana-laden airplane at Witham Field, they didn't know they were giving orders to Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt. Here is how this truth-is-stranger-than-fiction tale unfolded:

Deputy Earl Newhouse was flying a surveillance mission over western Martin County when he heard another pilot radio Witham Field to find out if there was any gasoline available. Feeling that was unusual for anyone who knew where he was flying, Newhouse contacted Holt who

arrived at the airport just as the plane was landing.

The pilot taxied up to Holt and told him to gas up the airplane. "I'm not the attendant," Holt said, "he is," pointing to Sgt. Glen Lockwood. The pilot and his accomplice climbed out of the plane and walked over to Lockwood. Holt walked over and looked in the plane window. When he saw the plane was loaded with marijuana, he arrested both men.

## **Fantastic Profits!**

Figures attributed to the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reveal that fantastic profits are made by everyone involved in the production and distribution of cocaine.

The inverted pyramid of big bucks begins with the South American farmer who sells 500 kilos of coca leaves for about \$250.

The coca leaves are converted into approximately 2.5 kilos of coca paste, which sells for \$3,000 to \$5,000.

The 2.5 kilos of coca paste are processed into one kilo of cocaine paste, which sells for \$8,000 to \$11,000.

Processing the cocaine paste produces about one kilo of cocaine hydrochloride, which sells for \$15,000 to \$20,000, but is worth \$38,000 to \$40,000 after it has been smuggled into the United States.

Illicit drug wholesalers cut the cocaine (adulterate it) from its original 100 percent purity to about 50 percent, and market it for \$75,000 to \$80,000.

By the time the cocaine reaches the street-level market it has been cut to about 12 percent of its original purity, and the total value will reach approximately \$800,000.

## **Burglars Bungled:**

### **They rang the wrong doorbell and ended up in a jail cell**

FORT MYERS — Gunter Roubal is a man of action. Here's how he reacted when burglars attempted to break into his home, according to a report from the Lee County Sheriff's Office:

At about 12:15 in the afternoon, Roubal was at home in Lehigh Acres when he saw a car stop in front of his house and a man get out of the car and open the hood. After a few seconds, the man walked to Roubal's front door. Roubal, being suspicious of the man's activity, did not answer his doorbell although it rang for approximately 30 seconds.

He was suspicious for several reasons. He had been the victim of a burglary in the past. He had also noted that the stranger outside had made no attempt to fix any engine problems, and there was no steam coming from under the car's hood to indicate a broken hose or overheated engine.

As Roubal continued to watch, a second man got out of the car and approached the front door carrying what appeared to be a pocket knife. Once at the door, the man began prying the lock. Roubal's suspicions were now confirmed. He armed himself with his 12-gauge shotgun, went out the back door, walked around the side of the house and confronted the men (who now numbered three) as they were busily trying to open his door with the knife.

Holding them at gun point, Roubal told them to drop their trousers. Because none of the men was wearing



FORT MYERS — Sheriff Frank Wanicka (right) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Gunter Roubal.

underwear, he allowed them to put their pants on again. He then marched them to the back of his house where he used a telephone on his patio to call the Sheriff's Office. Roubal was still holding the men at gun point and feeling rightfully proud of himself when responding deputies arrived.

Sheriff Frank Wanicka presented Roubal with a "Certificate of Appreciation," saying it certainly makes his job easier when concerned citizens take such positive action to stop crime.





# Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund HONOR ROLL



On these pages the Florida Sheriffs Association gives special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and its child care institutions: The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch. Those listed as "Builders" have given gifts totaling \$100 or more.

Those listed as "Lifetime Honorary Members" of the Florida Sheriffs Association have given \$1,000 or more. Builders receive certificates suitable for framing. Each honorary lifetime member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to The Sheriff's Star.

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FT. MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka presents Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to Mr. and Mrs. Will M. Bennett and to the Cape Coral Lions Club represented by Past President Tom Slater (left) and President Lyle Williams.

Slater & Williams



FT. PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (center) is shown with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crain, as he presents them with a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque.



WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille is shown presenting a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to John Cinicolo of Sound Distributors South.







**FORT PIERCE** — St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (center) accepts a check for the Youth Fund for \$2,000, representing the proceeds from the 4th Annual KPO (Ken Perona Oldsmobile) Invitational Golf Tournament. Shown with him are (left to right) Scooter Perona held by his father, Tom; Ken Perona, Bob Berube and Mike Durette, all of Ken Perona Oldsmobile.



**GREEN COVE SPRINGS** — A special Award of Appreciation was presented to J. P. Hall, Jr., President of the Bank of Green Cove Springs, by Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee (left) and Harry K. Weaver (right), President of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund. The plaque was given in recognition of Hall's service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Youth Fund, and his support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch since its inception. Hall is the son of the late Sheriff J. P. Hall, Sr., one of the founders of the Boys Ranch.

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**BOYS RANCH** — Mac Stones (center), Resident Director of the Boys Ranch, accepts a check for \$825 from the Clay Mavericks Riding Club represented by President Don Worthington (left) and Vice President Morris Smith. The Mavericks, an Orange Park Club, have been generous supporters of the Boys Ranch for many years, and take part each year in the anniversary horse show held in the arena they donated and built at the Boys Ranch.

## Tried a Trick — It Didn't Click

**LAKELAND** — A Lakeland man devised a smart trick to defraud an insurance company and fool the police, but it didn't work. He stored his 1980 Datsun 200-SX at a mini-warehouse, gave the warehouse operator a fictitious name, then reported the car stolen and collected money from an insurance company. Several months later, a photo found in the stored car revealed the owner's true identity. He was charged with filing a false police report, defrauding an insurance company and grand theft.

## Mostly Amateurs

Most shoplifters are amateurs, according to a federal government report. One-third are between 12 and 17 years old, and 85 percent of those arrested are female, the report said.

## Be a Cautious Good Samaritan

That fellow standing beside his car near the highway holding an empty gas can and looking glum may be a stranded motorist who needs a lift to the next gas station.

On the other hand, he may be a robber looking for an unwary victim, so be wary.

Several sheriffs have reported that stick-up men are posing as motorists in distress. One man holds an empty gas can and stands beside the highway thumbing a ride. The other stays with the parked car.

After the hitchhiker is picked up by a good samaritan, he rides down the highway a short distance, then pulls a gun and robs his benefactors. Meanwhile, the accomplice who remained behind with the parked (and supposedly disabled) car drives up, picks up the gunman, and they drive away, leaving the Samaritan stranded and penniless.



**BARTOW** — Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims (right) accepts a check for the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa from Patsy Womble on behalf of General Telephone Exchange's Sunshine Pioneers. Also pictured are Harry Hatfield and Nadine Royal, GTE employees.



**WEST PALM BEACH** — Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille is shown accepting a check for \$1,369.41 for the Youth Fund from representatives of the Gold Coast Vettes Club. This club has supported the Youth Fund for several years.

## It Definitely Helps a Lot To Know What You've Got

**NAPLES** — Sheriff Aubrey Rogers was enthusiastic about a 6-hour course sponsored by the Collier County Mental Health Association and the western division of the Southwest Florida Psychiatric Society designed to teach Collier County corrections officers, deputies and police officers how to handle emotionally disturbed persons.

"It will make us more aware of how to spot the person with a potential emotional problem so we can deal with him and get him the proper help," Sheriff Rogers said.

The course was to cover: How to tell when a person is mentally ill; how to handle a disturbed or violent person; how to recognize and handle a depressed person; how to recognize and handle the alcoholic and drug addict, and coping with police officers' personal problems.

The proposed psychiatric unit of Naples Community Hospital will help alleviate some of the Sheriff's problems. The jail is now the only existing facility for housing very emotionally disturbed or violent persons — criminal or non-criminal.



SWAT Commander Lt. Roy Hughey (center) leads the team on a training mission.



## Those Men from SWAT:

# Trigger Happy They Are Not

SANFORD — The deputies on Sheriff John Polk's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team are proud of their marksmanship, and their ability to deliver heavy firepower in emergencies.

But there is something of which they are prouder: In their first five years of active duty (1975-1980) they were involved in some 35 dangerous situations and handled them successfully without firing the first lethal shot! Equally important, no one was injured in any of the incidents.

SWAT Team assignments during the five years included arresting barricaded gunmen, freeing hostages, and assisting the U. S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in carrying out drug busts.

Swatsmen are trained to be "combat ready" for riots, guerilla warfare, insurgency and other tense tableaux, but deep down under their bullet proof vests they remain men of peace dedicated to protecting lives and property.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Department's SWAT Team has been described as Lt. Roy Hughey's dream — a dream that received Sheriff Polk's blessing and became a reality in 1975. Hughey is still the commander of the 12-man team. Other members are: Lt. Marty LaBrusciano, Executive Officer; Deputy Greg Bare, Team Leader; Reserve Lt. Ed Standley, Scout; Sgt. George Hagood, Negotiator; Deputy Dave Smith, Sniper Team Leader; Deputy Terry Huffman; Deputy Richard Odell; Sgt. Jerry Riggins, Assault Team Leader; Deputy John O'Brien; Deputy William Morris; and Deputy Don Eslinger.

Swatsmen are carefully screened prior to acceptance as members of the team. They are required to participate in at least one all-day training session per month, but do not receive any extra compensation.



Deputy Richard Odell fires the deadly Mack 10 automatic weapon. (Photos by Lt. Marty LaBrusciano)

## **"We need you, Fred" The Governor said**

CHIPLEY — Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel was appointed by Governor Bob Graham to the Region One Advisory Council for the Florida Department of Corrections. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association and is Chairman of the Region II Law Enforcement Training Council. In November, Peel was elected to his second term as Sheriff.





## 18 Olympic Medals Won By "Over-the-Hill Gang"

Here they are, in and out of uniform, the "Over-the-Hill Gang;" (from left) L. V. Hayes, Sr., H. W. Nicholson, C. E. Kirksey, Claude Midgett, Horace LePrell and Charlie Taylor.

JACKSONVILLE — All right, all you slumping, middle-aged guys out there in your soft recliners. It's time to turn off the telly, put down your after-dinner beer, and join in a cheer, C'mon, let's hear it for the "Over-the-Hill Gang" — a stalwart sextette of aging deputy sheriffs who have demonstrated that life can be sporty after forty.

These getting-up-in-years lawmen proved their point when they paid their own way to the International Police Olympics, in Nassau, Long Island, and came home with 18 medals.

Nicholson, Midgett and Kirksey (see picture) finished 1-2-3 in the pentathlon, an extra tough event that combines a three-mile run, a rope climb, hurdles, broad jump and pistol shoot. Kirksey also garnered four additional medals in the 400-meter relay, the 1500-meter relay, the 400-meter hurdles and the 400-meter dash.

Nicholson, LePrell and Taylor each won two medals by teaming up with Kirksey in the relays. Nicholson also took a first in the 1500-meter run and LaPrell finished second in the 400-meter hurdles. Midgett won bronze medals in the 800-meter and 1500-meter runs, while Hayes won a bronze medal in the masters singles golf competition.

It was a great morale booster for oldsters everywhere when the "Over-the-Hill Gang" came home laden with medals, and Sheriff Dale Carson was quick to point out

that it was also a great day for physical fitness — a theme he has been preaching with considerable fervor. He made no secret of the fact that the over-the-hill medal winners all believe in good health habits and plenty of exercise.

After the shouting was over, someone pointed out that three younger deputies also brought home olympics medals. Nice going, G. W. Green, for your silver in arm wrestling; C. E. Kramer, for your bronze in racquetball, and S. A. Barker, for your silver in women's table tennis. Hang in there. Some day you, too, will be over-the-hill and merit top billing.